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## ANNUAL MEETING OF A.A.H.D.

P/ The third annual meeting of the American Academy of the History of Dentistry is scheduled for Friday, November 5. A business meeting will be held at 10 a.m. The scientific session convenes at 2 p.m. and there will be a dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. The guest speaker and program of the scientific session will be announced later. The Friday date was chosen in place of the usual Saturday to avoid conflict with other meetings.

## VINCENZO GUERINI, DEAN OF DENTAL HISTORIANS

P/ Dr. Faggart, secretary of the A.A.H.D., has received from Vincenzo Guerini a letter accepting election to honorary membership in the Academy. The text of the letter follows:

It is with a deep sense of gratefulness that I wish to express my sincere thanks to the illustrious American Academy of the History of Dentistry and to you personally for having informed me of my election as an honorary member of the said Academy.

The courteous acknowledgement of my merits constitutes for me a great and longed for recompense to the enduring efforts I made in the study of the history of Dentistry.

Will you please, dear Secretary, accept with the President and fellow-members of the Academy my cordial expressions of my profound appreciation.

Dr. Luigi Casotti is preparing a biographical sketch of Dr. Guerini to be read at the Miami meeting of the A.A.H.D., Dr. Asbell reports, and a file of papers concerning the distinguished historian. Some of this material is promised for the Bulletin.

## A HISTORY OF INDIANA DENTAL COLLEGE

P/ Dr. Jack D. Carr, of the faculty of Indiana University School of Dentistry, is preparing a "History of the Indiana Dental College from 1879 to 1900."

The history will sketch the lives of several prominent early Indiana dentists, including John F. Johnston, P. G. C. Hunt, J. E. Cravens, Merit Wells, T. S. Hacker, M. W. Chappell, S. T. Kirk, S. M. Goode, W. N. Herriott, Isaac Knapp and A. T. Keightly.

The somewhat devious administrative history of the school in the early years will be traced in detail.

LINDBERGH GIFTS TO MUSEUM

P/ General Charles A. Lindbergh has contributed to the Museum of Columbia University School of Dental and Oral Surgery a sum of five hundred dollars, representing the Pulitzer Prize which he received for his autobiography. Dr. Proskauer, the curator of the Museum, also reports that Gen. Lindbergh, two years ago, presented the Museum with an upper denture constructed by Dr. Charles Land, of Detroit, Gen. Lindbergh's grandfather, and with other instruments and belongings of this well known dentist. Dr. Land is remembered as the originator of the porcelain jacket crown.

FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE TOOTHBRUSH

P/ From Dr. Curt Proskauer come additions and corrections to the short article on the origin of the modern toothbrush in the April number of the Bulletin. In a letter to the editor, Dr. Proskauer writes as follows:

I would like to tell you that I have found much earlier pictures and photos of toothbrushes than those mentioned in the Bulletin.

I had published in an article on "Oral Hygiene in the Medieval Occident" in Ciba Symposia in November 1946 the--as I suppose--first picture of the first toothbrush, invented in China on the 25th of June, 1498. This woodcut is contained in the Lei Shu Ts' Ai T'u Hui, the Chinese encyclopedia of 1609. I took the picture from Franz M. Feldhaus: Die Technik der Antike und des Mittelalters, Wildpark-Potsdam, 1931, p. 65. This toothbrush, similar to ours, has bristles standing at right angles to the handle. In case you do not know my article I would suggest to write to Ciba Pharmaceutical Products, Summit, New Jersey, asking for a copy of vol. 8, Nov. 1946, no. 8. I, myself have now only one copy so that I am sorry not to be able to send you one.

Another picture of a double ended toothbrush with bristles standing at right angles is to be found in a popular booklet of the year 1790: Girault, J., Die gute Mutter, oder Abhandlung von den...Mitteln, seinen Kindern...ihre Zähne ihr ganzes Leben hindurch zu erhalten. Braunschweig, 1790.

The third one older than the ones mentioned in the Bulletin are two toothbrushes contained in a travelling-box of the "Herr I. F. von Hoensbroech, Domherr zu Münster und Hildesheim" made in 1803. It is to be found in the Germanisches National-Museum, Nurnberg. A similar one was published by T. G. H. Drake in the Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences, 2:48-50, 1947: Tooth brush set, silver, London, 1799.

May I add that the copper plate of the girl with a toothbrush is not to be found in the 1812 edition of Joseph Lemaire's Le dentiste des dames, this picture is only in the second (1818) edition of this very nice work.